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SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP ACTION TO THE MINISTERIAL MEETING OF DEFENSE  
MINISTERS IN DECEMBER 1974: SYG PO

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SYG LUNS HAS ISSUED PO/74/170--FOLLOW-UP ACTION TO THE MINISTERIAL  
MEETING OF DEFENSE MINISTERS IN DECEMBER 1974. TEXT FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT:

THE DECISIONS WHICH I HAVE RECORDED AS BEING TAKEN  
BY DEFENCE MINISTERS ARE SET OUT IN DPC/D(74)35. IN A NUMBER  
OF CASES (E.G. FORCE PLANNING AND CONSULTATION ON MAJOR CHANGES  
IN DEFENCE PLANS) THE NECESSARY FOLLOW-UP ACTION WILL BE TAKEN  
AUTOMATICALLY BY THE EXISTING MACHINERY. IN OTHERS, HOWEVER,  
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THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE IN PERMANENT SESSION MAY WISH TO  
GIVE SPECIFIC DIRECTIONS AS TO THE WORK TO BE PUT IN HAND.  
MY SUGGESTIONS FOR THESE ARE SET OUT BELOW.

#### MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE

2. WORK ON THE PREPARATION OF MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE WILL NOW CONTINUE IN THE DEFENCE REVIEW COMMITTEE. MEANWHILE, IT MAY BE USEFUL FOR THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE TO CONFIRM THE SCOPE AND FORMAT OF THE DOCUMENT OR DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED TO MINISTERS AT THEIR NEXT MEETING. THE MAIN TOPICS INCLUDED IN THE UNITED STATES LONG RANGE DEFENCE CONCEPT SHOULD, OF COURSE, BE COVERED. I BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THE GUIDANCE ITSELF SHOULD BE DRAFTED IN DIRECTIVE FORM AND BE AS CONCISE AND SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE. SUPPORTING MATERIAL AND ANY NECESSARY RATIONALE SHOULD PROVIDE AN ESSENTIAL REFERENCE POINT FOR ALL DAY-TO-DAY DECISION-MAKING IN NATO (THAT IS IN NATO HEADQUARTERS, IN MILITARY HEADQUARTERS, IN THE SPECIALIST MILITARY AND CIVILIAN AGENCIES AND IN CAPITALS) ON FORWARD DEFENCE PLANNING. THE DEFENCE REVIEW COMMITTEE SHOULD BE ASKED TO SUBMIT A DRAFT OF THIS DOCUMENT FOR OUR CONSIDERATION NOT LATER THAN 15TH APRIL, 1975.

#### STANDARDIZATION

3. PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES WILL RECALL THAT MINISTERS AGREED TO CONCENTRATE THEIR EFFORTS ON A NUMBER OF SPECIFIC AREAS FOR STANDARDIZATION, NAMELY:

- AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING;
- ELECTRONIC WARFARE
- STANDARDIZATION OF AMMUNITION FOR PORTABLE INFANTRY WEAPONS;
- INTERCOPERABILITY AND SECURITY OF COMMUNICATIONS;
- SECOND GENERATION ANTI-SHIP MISSILE.

I CONSIDER THAT MINISTERS WILL WISH TO KNOW WHAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE ON A COLLECTIVE BASIS DURING THE FORTHCOMING MONTHS AND I PROPOSE THEREFORE TO INVITE THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL FOR DEFENCE SUPPORT TO SUBMIT A REPORT ACCORDINGLY BY THE END OF APRIL. THIS REPORT WOULD ALSO INCLUDE ANY NEW AREAS WHICH MIGHT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED IN THE MEANTIME AS REQUIRING SPECIAL CONFIDENTIAL

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EFFORT.

#### INFRASTRUCTURE

4. A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT RESERVATIONS WERE MADE BY MINISTERS IN THEIR DISCUSSIONS ON THE NEXT INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMME. ACTION ON THESE LIES WITH CAPITALS AND I TRUST THAT THE NATIONAL AUTHORITIES CONCERNED WILL GIVE THEM THE PRIORITY THEY MERIT. MEANWHILE I PROPOSE THAT THE SPECIAL WORKING GROUP UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE SHOULD, AS A MATTER OF URGENCY, REVIEW THE SPECIAL PROGRAMME ON A PROJECT-BY-PROJECT BASIS WITH A VIEW TO REACHING AGREEMENT ON ITS CONTENTS. THE RESULTS OF THIS REVIEW SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE DEFENCE

PLANNING COMMITTEE IN PERMANENT SESSION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

INDUSTRIAL CAPACITIES OF NATO AND THE WARSAW PACT

5. I PROPOSE TO INVITE THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL FOR DEFENCE SUPPORT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DIRECTOR OF ECONOMICS TO PREPARE A REPORT ON THIS SUBJECT FOR SUBMISSION TO MINISTERS IN DUE COURSE.

CRISIS MANAGEMENT

6. THE SUGGESTION WAS MADE BY THE UNITED KINGDOM MINISTER OF DEFENCE THAT A PAPER SHOULD BE PREPARED EXPLAINING HOW THE NATO CRISIS MANAGEMENT MACHINE WORKS AND WHAT PROBLEMS REMAIN TO BE RESOLVED. I THEREFORE PROPOSE TO INVITE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OPERATIONS AND EXERCISES COMMITTEE TO SET IN HAND THE PREPARATION OF A SUITABLE REPORT FOR SUBMISSION TO MINISTERS AT THEIR NEXT MEETING. THERE MAY BE A LINK BETWEEN THIS WORK AND THE STUDY ON THE USE OF WARNING TIME WHICH I HAVE SUGGESTED IN MY PO/74/161.

NATO WORKING GROUPS.

7. PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES WILL RECALL THAT I HAVE BEEN INVITED BY THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY TO LOOK INTO THE LARGE NUMBER OF WORKING GROUPS EXISTING WITHIN NATO. I PROPOSE TO TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION TOGETHER WITH THE ASSISTANT SECRETARIES GENERAL AND OTHER SENIOR CONFIDENTIAL

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OFFICIALS OF THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF. I ALSO PROPOSE TO INVITE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE TO ARRANGE FOR THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS EXAMINATION. I WILL REPORT THE RESULT TO THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE IN DUE COURSE.

NUCLEAR ISSUES

8. A NUMBER OF ISSUES AFFECTING NUCLEAR POLICY WERE DISCUSSED BOTH IN RESTRICTED AND OPEN SESSION. THESE ARE BEING PURSUED SEPARATELY.

AD70

9. ALTHOUGH THIS WAS NOT DISCUSSED BY MINISTERS, I BELIEVE THEY WILL BE EXPECTING A REPORT ON AD 70, AS USUAL AT THEIR SPRING MEETING. THE EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP IS CONTINUING ITS DISCUSSIONS AND WILL BE MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE SCOPE OF THIS REPORT IN PARALLEL WITH THIS MEMORANDUM.

PROGRAMME OF WORK

10. NO DATE HAS YET BEEN FIXED FOR THE DEFENCE MINISTERS  
MEETING NEXT SPRING. FOR THE MOMENT, THEREFORE, I SUGGEST WE SET  
THE TARGET DATE OF 15TH MAY FOR THE COMPLETION OF ALL PAPERS TO  
BE SUBMITTED TO MINISTERS BY THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE IN  
PERMANENT SESSION.

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